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all said elements disposed in vertical fashion having said at least one set of trucks on the bottom in contact with rails, said mounting means, said at least one bearing, said support plate, said means for mounting said support plate and said railcar body situated on top, all in contact when said railcar is coupled to additional ones of said railcar via said couplers; and

said railcar is separably supported at the juncture of said support plate and said at least one bearing.

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10. A method of supporting a railcar and coupling same into a train comprising the steps of:

Placing a support plate into position on the bottom of said railcar to support said railcar;

Providing means for fastening said support plate onto said railcar in said position to support said railcar;

Providing separate rail truck means;

Providing on said truck means, means for mounting said railcar upon said truck means;

Providing at least one bearing for supporting said railcar;

Mounting said at least one bearing between said support plate and said means for mounting said railcar;

Providing coupling means; and

Coupling said railcar into said train via said coupling means, while separably supporting said railcar via said support plate upon said trucks through said means for mounting and said at least one bearing.

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18. The process of Claim 17 further including providing coupling means as needed and mounting said coupling means upon said railcars and upon said mounting bracket as desired.

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20. The process of Claim 17 wherein said process provides differing configurations of said means to support in a separably successive manner, and providing said manner that facilitates railroad operations as in the following:

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means for coupling differing railcar and engine configurations together; means having differing truck configurations with standard appearance and as desired having cooling fins; means having landing gears of differing configurations with wheels and also having pads as desired; providing said mounting bracket as completely unconnected to said railcars and as partially connected to said railcars as desired; means having stands capable of mounting thereupon bumpers and couplers placed upon said mounting bracket as desired; Said stands capable of taking multiple positions upon said mounting bracket as desired; Said support plate is mounted directly upon the underside of said railcar and as desired is mounted upon the sidewalls of said railcars; Said support plate is of differing configurations having normal underside mounted form and as desired, plate design extended beyond the boundary of the railcar sidewalls; Said support plate is of a flat design and as desired of a curved extension design; and Said trucks having standard configuration and having six wheels as desired.

The following are the claims showing the changes made:

1. An articulated railcar comprising [the following elements]:
A railcar body;
A support plate;
Means for mounting said support plate upon said railcar body;
At least one set of railroad trucks;
Mounting means attached to said least one set of railroad trucks;
At least one bearing;
said at least one bearing mounted upon said mounting means;
railroad couplers;

all said elements disposed in vertical fashion having said at least one set of trucks on the bottom in contact with rails, said mounting means, said at least one bearing, said support plate, said means for mounting said support plate and said railcar body situated on top, all in contact when said railcar is coupled to [other] additional ones of said railcar[s] via said couplers; and

said railcar is separably supported at the juncture of said support plate and said at least one bearing.

10. A method of supporting a railcar and coupling same into a train comprising the steps of:

Placing a support plate into position on the bottom of said railcar to support said railcar;

Providing means for fastening said support plate onto said railcar in said position to support said railcar;

Providing separate rail truck means;

Providing on said truck means, means for mounting said railcar upon said truck means;

Providing at least one bearing for supporting said railcar;

Mounting said at least one bearing between said support plate and said means for mounting said railcar;

Providing coupling means; and

Coupling said railcar into [a] said train via said coupling means, while separably supporting said railcar via said support plate upon said trucks through said means for mounting and said at least one bearing.

18. The process of Claim 17 further including providing coupling means as needed and mounting said coupling means upon said railcars and upon said mounting bracket as desired.

21. The process of Claim 17 wherein said process provides differing configurations of said means to support in a separably successive manner, and providing said manner that facilitates railroad operations as in the following:

means for coupling differing railcar and engine configurations together;
means having differing truck configurations with standard appearance and
as desired having cooling fins;
means having landing gears of differing configurations with wheels and
also having pads as desired;
providing said mounting bracket as completely unconnected to said
railcars and as partially connected to said railcars as desired;
means having stands capable of mounting thereupon bumpers and
couplers placed upon said mounting bracket as desired;
Said stands capable of taking multiple positions upon said mounting
bracket as desired;
Said support plate is mounted directly upon the underside of said railcar
and as desired is mounted upon the sidewalls of said railcars;
Said support plate is of differing configurations having normal underside
mounted form and as desired, plate design extended beyond the
boundary of the railcar sidewalls;
Said support plate is of a flat design and as desired of a curved extension
design; and
Said trucks having standard configuration and having six wheels as
desired.

REMARKS

All objections are answered. The claims are now fully statutorily definite.
Applicant fully traverses any and all rejections of any and all of the instant
claims. The claims as written distinguish over the prior art.

Applicant fully traverses examiner's statement that it is "well known" in
the art to use a bearing on a support plate as evidenced by "Bogenschutz": to
solely support railcars. Bogenschutz teaches absolutely no such thing!
Contrarily, Bogenschutz teaches highly involved and complicated structure so to
support railcars. Bogenschutz makes no musings upon instant structure, none.